




MEMORANDUM

Date: November 9, 2023

To: Honorable Mayor and Commissioners

Via: Albert P. Childress 
City Manager

From: Marcus Davila
Director of Community Services

Subject: **Authorize the Installation of Artificial Turf at DeWitt Roberts Softball Field by Burke Construction for \$853,000**

Introduction

Authorize the installation of artificial turf at De Witt Roberts Softball Field by Burke Construction for \$853,000 without formal competitive procurement under Sec 2-797 (4) Exempt Contractual Services, in the best interest of the City.

Background

The City has been making the move to artificial turf fields. Due to excessive use, it is an extremely difficult task to keep the fields in decent shape. Artificial turf will not only be durable enough to handle year-round use it will also save on utilities and maintenance. The fill for the turf is an organic material, not rubber like some turf fields use. This will keep the temperature of the fields low making it about the same temperature as a grass field.

Burke Construction is the company who installed the High School Baseball field, Rosa Hernandez Girls Softball Field, Gilleran Field at Truman Waterfront, George Mira Football Field, and all fields at the Clayton Sterling Complex. They have also replaced multiple grass fields for the City. They are very familiar with the soil composition and difficulties that come with installing a field in the Keys.

The City did obtain 3 quotes for the installation of artificial turf at DeWitt Roberts Softball Field all with the same specifications and requirements. Burke was the lowest at \$853,000, Turf of America was \$929,200, and Ellis Turf was \$935,675.

Due to their local presence, Burke Construction was not only the lowest quote, but they understand the soil composition in Key West and are able to provide what it takes to build fields with the standards we need. Installing the drainage and base of the fields is uniquely difficult in Key West, using someone with experience digging and creating that base in Key West is essential. Burke has worked multiple times in Key West creating fields, and has a certified field builder on staff, which we require for our fields.

It is Staff's position that there would be no pricing advantage in routing a formal ITB and it would further delay the project.

Procurement

Installation of artificial turf at DeWitt Roberts Softball Field is funded under the Infrastructure Surtax/ Parks and Recreation/Infrastructure 101-7201-572-63 for \$853,000.

Recommendation

The City Manager recommends authorizing the installation of artificial turf at DeWitt Roberts Softball Field by Burke Construction for \$853,000.

Attachments:

Resolution

Field Rendering

Burke Construction Quote

Turf of America Quote

Ellis Turf Services Quote